

Prayer List

Janice Kinard
 Janet, Gary & Jay Bardwell, Linda Necaie (Janet's sister) and Lydia Berry (Jay's friend)
 Ross Collins & family, following Margaret Collins' death (March 11)
 Mary Martha Morgan, Carol Crouse, & family, following Martha Wade's death (March 9)
 Laura, Jack and Tanner Bryan, following the death of Pat Bryan (February 27)
 Wanda Hubbard
 Rubye Guest
 David Mote & Family (The Folsoms' nephew)
 Wallace Cade
 Albert & Glenda Clark
 Cynthia Ware
 Ann McGregor (June Carpenter's Friend)
 Allen & Barbara Johnson
 Gloria Gentry
 Charlie Weatherly
 Nelson Jones & Andy Lawrence
 Lydia Abraham
 LeeAnn Joe
 Andrew Whittenton
 Earline Howell (Wallace Cade's Aunt)
 Peggy & Levette Johnson
 Jack Thompson (Alex Adam's Uncle)
 Judy Packer & John Clark Packer
 Marybeth Baker (Mara Cox's Mom)
 Barbara Tindall (Tindall Morrison's Grandmother)
 Macey & Byron Bell (Marshall Molen's sister & brother-in-law)
 Ressie Carpenter
 Rae Nell Crumpton
 Hugh Shurden (Sandy Jackson's Father)
 Gerlene Lifer; and Keitha Scott (Gerlene's friend)
 Maxie Bruce (Brittney McAfee's father)
 Delores Irvin (Diane Daniel's sister), Sarah Helen McCloskey & Craig D. Campbell
 Billy & Bob Forbus (Jack Forbus's brothers); Staci Moak (Jack's daughter)
 Eliza Jones
Additional Prayer List for Health Care/Assisted Living
 Dero Ramsey – The Goldton
 Lou Cross – The Goldton
 Hilda Scholtes – The Goldton
 Cattie Taylor – The Beehive, Starkville
 Marjorie Malone

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 Jennifer Blackburn - Organist

Wednesday, April 3rd, Dinner Menu

Adult Plate: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, German Chocolate Cake
 Kids Plate: Chicken Tenders and French Fries

Name _____

Phone # _____

of Adults _____ # of Kids _____



To sign up, drop this tear-off form in the offering plate, or scan the code for the online form by Monday, April 1st

MINISTRY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Join us on Wednesday Nights in April!
We'll have breakout discussion groups each Wednesday for women and for men.

Daily Spiritual Practices for Growing in Godliness:

- 1) How to TAKE GOD'S WORD TO HEART – to Grow in Godliness | Wednesday, April 3
- 2) How to PRAY – to Grow in Godliness | Wednesday, April 10
- 3) How to WORSHIP & SERVE – to Grow in Godliness | Wednesday, April 17

All women - You're Invited!

Join the Women in the Word Sunday school class as we begin our next study on **Sunday, April 7th**. We will study the book of Titus, and learn guidelines for living at peace and how to react to those who teach false doctrine.

We meet at **9:30** on the second floor behind the Chapel. Please join us!
 If you have any questions please call or text
 Nancy Lifer at 843-290-8825

Men's Morning Bible Study

Reading & Understanding the book of Revelation

Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024
 Registration Coming Next Week!

THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY

June 10th-June 12th

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Family Discipleship Resources Now Available!

Free Access to
 Bible Study Videos—Anytime,
 Anywhere, from Any Device

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We are collecting items for
 Operation Christmas Child throughout the year!

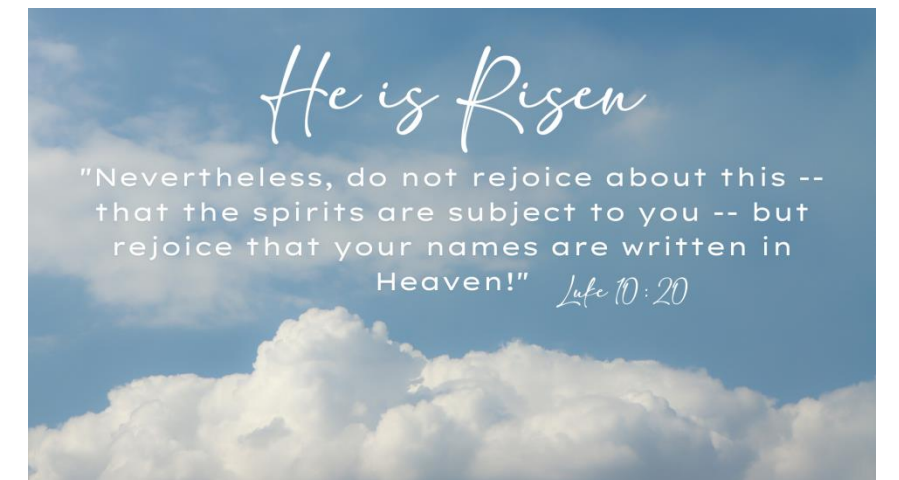
**April- Combs,Brushes,
 and Hair Items**



We Preach the *Doctrines of Grace* and are Part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

Follow our church website, fpcstarkville.org:
 Grow spiritually on the solid foundation of God's Word in the *Essentials of Our Faith*, our daily Resources for you, and our Prayer & Mission updates.

Resurrection Sunday
March 31, 2024



Today's Morning Schedule

Lord's Day Service | 10:30 AM
 Easter Brunch | 9:30 - 10:15AM
 Chapel-Style Service of the Word | 8:30 AM

Access more information and online resources
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Resurrection Sunday, March 31, 2024
Lord's Day Service

Prelude *Jesus Shall Reign* Jennifer Blackburn

COMING TOGETHER IN JESUS' NAME TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Ministry News *Pastor Martin Lifer*

*Call to Worship *from Ancient Liturgy, Heb. 12:1b-2 & 1 Tim. 3:16* Assistant Pastor Dean Franklin

Minister: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Let us then

ALL: Rid ourselves of every weight that slows us and sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Founder and Finisher of faith, Who – for the joy that was set before Him – endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Minister: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

ALL: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

*Easter Hymn #270 (vv.1-3) *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

*Invocation

Good News for Children *Dean Franklin*

*Affirmation of Faith: (Westminster) Larger Catechism, Q. 1 *Youth Director Boston Hampton*

Leader: What is the primary and highest purpose of human beings?

ALL: The primary and highest purpose of human beings is to glorify God and to enjoy Him fully forever.

*Hymn #572 *I Will Celebrate*

Choir Anthem *Resurrection Canticle*

Guest Musicians: *Dr. Olivia Boatman, flute; Toccara Edmunds, oboe; Hunter Harris, clarinet*

Good News from Mission Partner – Mission India

Prayers of Praise, Confession of Sin, Petition and Intercession *Martin Lifer*

The Lord's Prayer (Joined by All)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Good News of Christ's Grace *from Revelation 3:5*

Minister: The one who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments.

ALL: And I will never blot his name out of the Book of Life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD OUR SAVIOR

*Greeting Our Neighbors in the Grace of Christ

*Hymn #668 *The Doxology*

Call to Give God His Tithe and Our Further Offerings *Martin Lifer*

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *Glory to His Name*

Dr. Olivia Boatman & Jennifer Blackburn

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture *Luke 10:17-20* ESV Pew Bible p. 868

Sermon *Resurrection Joy: Share Forever!* *Martin Lifer*

*Hymn #272 *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

BLESSED AND SENT AS AMBASSADORS IN JESUS' NAME

*Benediction *Martin Lifer*

*Praise Response *Hallelujah Chorus*

Postlude *Fanfare for a Resurrection Day* *Jennifer Blackburn*

*The congregation is invited to stand.

Visiting with Us? We'd Love to Stay Connected!

Please fill out one of our FirstConnect Cards and drop it in the offering plate! Alternatively, you may scan our QR code or visit fpcstarkville.org/connect.



Want to find out more about faith in Christ, church membership, or ways to serve at FPC? Speak to Dean Franklin, Pastor Martin Lifer, or send an email to Pastor Martin at mwlifer3@gmail.com.

Today's flowers are given by multiple members of our congregation!
Please check out the Easter Lily program located in the vestibules.

The cradle cross on the pulpit is placed today in thanksgiving to God for the birth on Tuesday, March 26, of Vada Gwendolyn Rackley, daughter of Caitlin & Will Rackley

Having trouble hearing the service? We have portable hearing assistance units that are connected directly to our sound system for optimum audio. Please see an usher about using one of these devices.

Nursery & Preschool Childcare for Resurrection Sunday

We are providing Childcare & Activities for children ages 0 through 5 years old in the Nursery on the Main Floor of the Christian Education Building – northeast of the Sanctuary – during the 8:30 & 10:30 services.

Next Sunday – You're Invited!

KIRKIN O' THE TARTANS
Join us next Sunday, April 7th!
Please bring a marker of your personal and family faith for God's blessing.
Don't forget to wear your plaid!

DIAPERS & WIPES SHOWERS

<i>The Stevensons</i> APRIL 7TH AT 10:10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR DAUGHTER, EVELYN ANN	<i>The Coxs</i> APRIL 21ST AT 10:10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR SON, ALEKSANDR CHARLES	<i>The Morrisons</i> APRIL 28TH AT 10:10 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR DAUGHTER, LAINEY FAYE
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BRING A GIFT OF DIAPERS OR WIPES FOR EACH OF THE EXPECTING COUPLES & JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A BRIEF SHOWER PRESENTATION.

Resurrection Joy: Share Forever

Martin Lifer/ FPC Starkville/ March 31, 2024/ Luke 10:17-20

Joy is Spiritual & Strong LORD's Joy is my strength ⇔ Salvation *Neh. 8:10; Ps. 118:14*

Joy ⇔ Grace χάρις (chara - GRACE) ⇔ χαρά (chara - JOY)

Joy Shares ⇔ "my cup overflows" → glorify & enjoy God: share His Gospel w/ others!

Good News = Resurrection Joy:

(1) The LAMB's BLOOD saves us from SIN & SATAN.

(2) Our SAVIOR's SPIRIT in us delivers us through DEATH in eternal LIFE. *Lk. 10:19; Rom. 8:2*

(3) CHRIST'S RISE means SATAN'S FALL.

Lk. 9:51 When the days were approaching for Lk. 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw His ASCENSION *analēmpseōs* Satan FALL *pesonta* like lightning [i.e TO Heaven] – FROM Heaven." He set His Face to go to Jerusalem

(4) The ASCENDED ANOINTED's LOVE & ADVOCACY keep ME by NAME. *Lk. 10:20; Rom. 8:31-39*

Responding in Resurrection Joy: Enjoy & Share Him Forever:

1) ENJOY REAL FAITH → Rise to SHARE His JOY for MISSION in HIS NAME: Rejoicing in HIS MISSION frees us from the idolatry of ME & MINE;

Public Rejoicing in HIS NAME subdues DEMONS & DARKNESS.

2) ENJOY being raised by GRACE so that our NAMES are WRITTEN IN HEAVEN: Rejoice not in what you do (works) but in what God gives you (GRACE);

Rejoice not in defeating demons below but in your Citizenship with HIM.

3) ENJOY JESUS' RESURRECTION JOY in HIS ASCENSION & SATAN'S FALL: Rejoice that His LOVE & JUSTIFICATION for you overcomes All Accusation;

Rejoice in His GLORY, REIGN & INHERITANCE, which we'll Share Forever.